



READING SPECIALIST/CONSULTANT CERTIFICATE

The Reading Specialist/Consultant certificate is valid for service in the public schools of Rhode Island as follows:

1. Diagnosis and remediation of reading disability cases at the elementary and/or secondary level.
2. Teaching of developmental reading at the secondary level.
3. Implementation of reading programs K-12 as consultant to the classroom teacher.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as a reading specialist/consultant an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Eligibility for a Rhode Island teacher's certificate.
- C. Master's Degree in reading or completion of twenty-four semester hours of graduate level course work in reading which must include course work in the Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Disability, The Supervision of Reading Programs, Research in Reading, and a minimum of six semester hours in a Reading Clinic or Practicum.
- D. Three years of documented classroom teaching experience.

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** - valid for one (1) year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed-with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.